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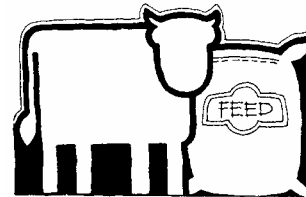


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November 1 Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 750,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on November 1, up 9 percent from October 1, 2003 but down 16 percent from November 1, 2002. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 350,000 head on feed, up 13 percent and 4 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 400,000 head on feed, up 5 percent from last month but down 29 percent from last year.

Placements during October totaled 199,000 head, up 28 percent from last month but down 6 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 113,000 head, up 41 percent and 19 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 86,000 head, up 15 percent from last month but down 26 percent from last year.

Marketings for October were 135,000 head, down 24 percent and 21 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 72,000 head, up 4 percent from last month but down 1 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed

63,000 head, down 42 percent and 36 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Other disappearance totaled 4,000 head.

United States: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.0 million head on November 1, 2003. The inventory was 3 percent above November 1, 2002 but 7 percent below November 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.78 million, 16 percent above 2002 and 3 percent above 2001. Net placements were 2.68 million. During October, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 1.02 million, 600-699 pounds were 796,000, 700-799 pounds were 508,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 454,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.86 million, 6 percent below 2002 and 2 percent below 2001.

Other disappearance totaled 101,000 during October, 20 percent above 2002 and 49 percent above 2001.

All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
----- Thousand head -----			
Cattle on Feed, October 1, 2003	310	380	690
October Placements	113	86	199
October Marketings	72	63	135
October Other Disappearance	1	3	4
Cattle on Feed, November 1, 2003	350	400	750

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements and Marketings by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots¹

State	Cattle on feed November 1			Placements during October			Marketings During October			October disappearance other than slaughter ²		
	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> 2002	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> 2002	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> 2002	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> 2002
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Arizona	290	278	96	28	26	93	25	22	88	1	1	100
California	490	495	101	60	68	113	58	54	93	7	4	57
Colorado	1,060	1,050	99	250	270	108	210	160	76	10	10	100
Idaho	295	295	100	77	88	114	61	60	98	1	3	300
<u>Iowa</u>	<u>335</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>50</u>
Kansas	2,300	2,430	106	455	570	125	410	410	100	25	30	120
Nebraska	2,110	2,140	101	520	640	123	360	320	89	10	10	100
New Mexico	117	118	101	22	19	86	16	20	125	2	4	200
Oklahoma	340	350	103	75	78	104	63	74	117	2	4	200
S. Dakota	170	177	104	57	68	119	36	34	94	1	2	200
Texas	2,730	2,840	104	600	680	113	570	530	93	20	30	150
Washington	185	195	105	49	51	104	33	45	136	1	1	100
Other States	320	320	100	101	110	109	64	54	84	2	1	50
U.S.	10,742	11,038	103	2,389	2,781	116	1,979	1,855	94	84	101	120

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ² Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

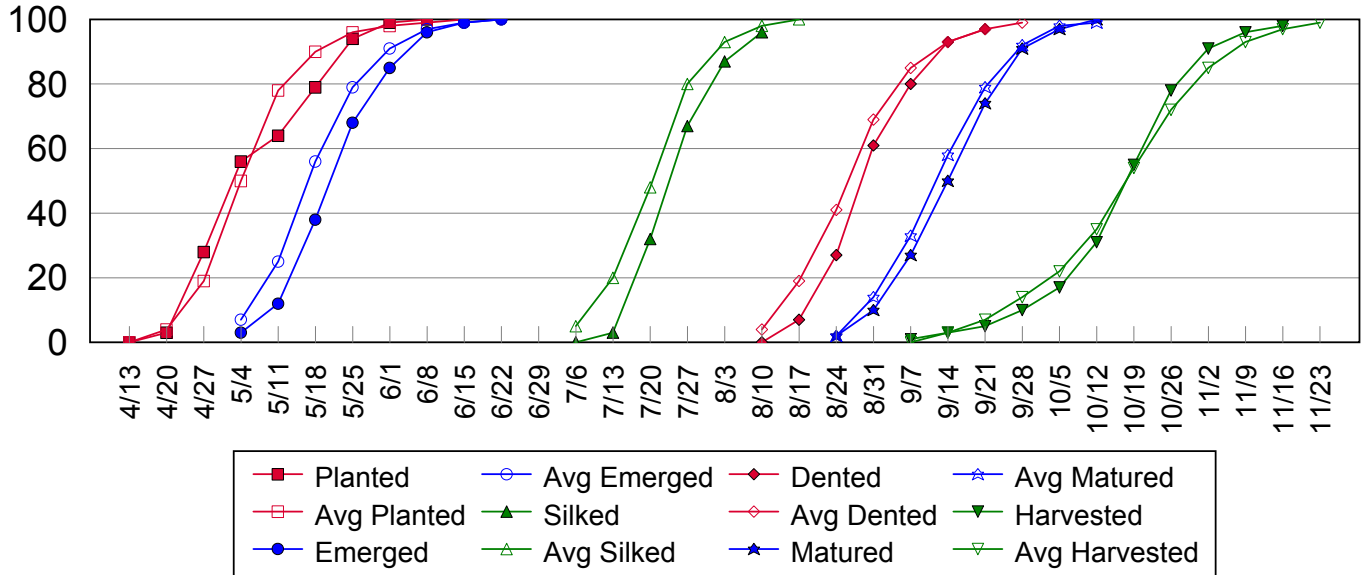
Farm Labor: Employment and Wage Rates, U.S.¹ and Corn Belt II² October 12-18, 2003, with Comparisons

Farm Employment	October 6-12, 2002		July 6-12, 2003		October 12-18, 2003	
	Corn Belt II	U.S.	Corn Belt II	U.S.	Corn Belt II	U.S.
----- Thousands -----						
Hired Workers						
Expected to be Employed	25	940	23	*943	26	891
150 Days or More	13	685	17	*680	16	626
149 Days or Less	12	255	6	*263	10	265
Agricultural Services						
Workers Working on Farms	NA	271	NA	320	NA	306
Hired Farm & Service Workers	NA	1,211	NA	*1,263	NA	1,197
Hours per Week						
Hours Worked						
Hired	34.7	40.4	36.7	*39.8	42.6	40.2
Dollars per Hour						
Wage Rates for						
All Hired Workers ^{3, 4}	8.81	8.95	9.51	8.88	9.30	9.05
Type of Worker						
Field & Livestock Combined	8.59	8.36	9.31	*8.26	8.87	8.47
Field	8.69	8.34	9.60	*8.17	8.62	8.42
Livestock	8.30	8.42	8.87	*8.57	9.83	8.64

¹ Excludes Alaska. ² Consists of Iowa and Missouri. ³ Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates. ⁴ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. * Revised.

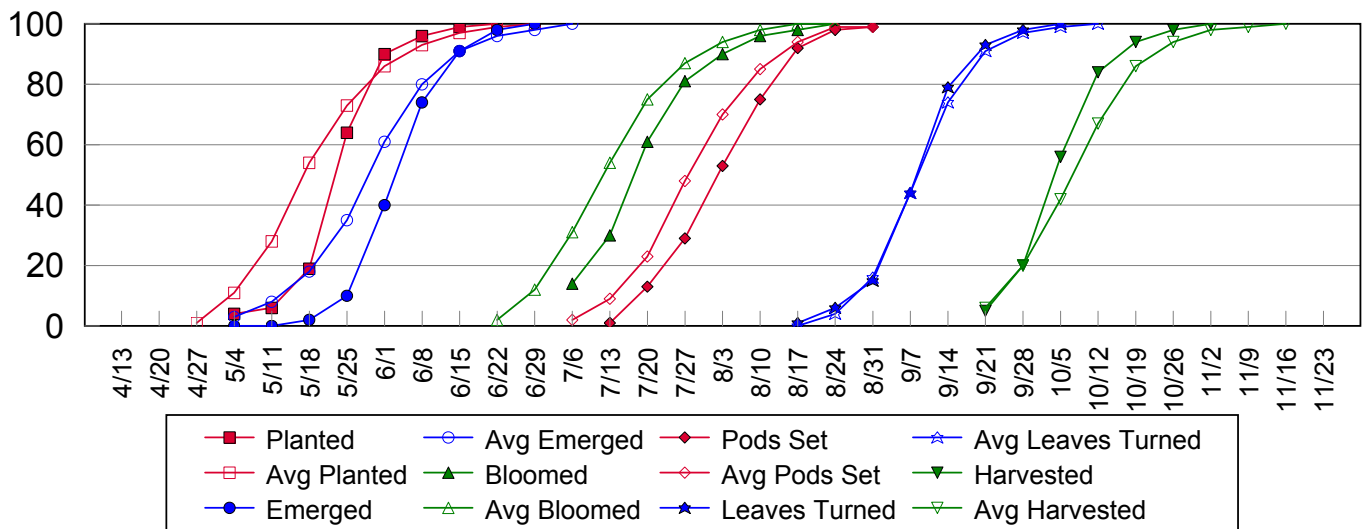
Corn Seasonal Progress 2003

Percent



Soybeans Seasonal Progress 2003

Percent



Charts show percent of crop in or past designated stage.

Avg equals 1998-2002 five-year average.

October Milk Production

IOWA: Milk production in Iowa in October totaled 301 million pounds, down 2.3 percent from October 2002. The average number of milk cows, 198 thousand head, was 10,000 head below October 2002. Production per cow averaged 1,520 pounds, forty pounds higher than production levels one year ago.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the 20 major States during October totaled 12.0 billion pounds, down 0.2 percent from October 2002. September revised production, at

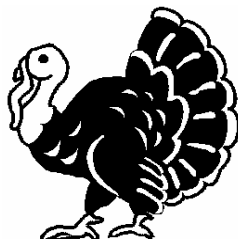
11.6 billion pounds, was down 5 million pounds from September 2002. The September revision represented an increase of 2 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,550 pounds for October, 11 pounds above October 2002. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.72 million head, 70,000 head less than October 2002, and 25,000 head less than September 2003.

October Milk Cows and Milk Production

State	Milk cows ¹		Milk per cow ²		Milk production ²		Change from 2002
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	
	Thousands		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
California	1,664	1,702	1,760	1,710	2,929	2,910	-0.6
Illinois	115	108	1,430	1,450	164	157	-4.3
Iowa	208	198	1,480	1,520	308	301	-2.3
Minnesota	480	465	1,390	1,425	667	663	-0.6
Missouri	136	126	1,120	1,200	152	151	-0.7
Wisconsin	1,268	1,250	1,410	1,450	1,788	1,813	1.4
20 State Total ³	7,789	7,719	1,539	1,550	11,991	11,965	-0.2

¹Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. ²Excludes milk sucked by calves. ³The 20 states are Arizona, California, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

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